

Abstract

A cellular telephone having restricted dialing authority and a simplified keypad. The keypad includes a plurality of preprogrammed hot keys. Incoming telephone calls from authorized telephone numbers are answerable and incoming telephone calls from other numbers do not ring. The authorized telephone numbers are programmable. In one embodiment, predetermined encoded messages can be transmitted silently.

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